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Ike Held Not To Blame

Editor: In his letter "Kennedy Inherited Mess" on this date it would appear that Reader Mont L. Clark also forgot some pertinent historical facts.

The CIA was created by Harry S. Truman and not Dwight Eisenhower. The Army brass to which reader Clark makes reference are leftovers from FDR's administration — not Eisenhower's! Reader Clark also forgot to mention that the Eisenhower administration did not plan for any invasion of Cuba and that the Joint Chiefs of Staff in February (under Kennedy) would go along with the invasion only if it included air cover over the beaches.

It's about time people stop blaming Dwight Eisenhower for the shortcomings of the Kennedy administration. I wonder how many of these scape-goat-seekers would blame Kennedy if there was a revolution in Mexico tomorrow and a Communist disguising himself as a nationalist, with the support of 75 per cent of the Mexican people, came to power?

The real "mess" and "fiasco" in Cuba was the abortive invasion attempt planned and directed by the Kennedy administration against a well equipped Cuban army without adequate air or naval support. It was a ill-conceived move and it failed. Now let's get back to work and stop trying to find a scapegoat.

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